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As below named inventor(s) we hereby declare that:

We believe we are the original first and joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "B Lymphocyte Stimulator (BLyS) As A Marker in Management of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus", the specification of which:

Was filed on January 10, 2002 and was assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/041,663.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.56(a).

We claim priority from  
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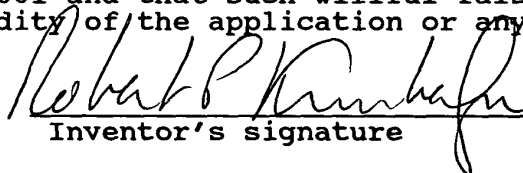
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